

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 13-18 with:

Figures 2A-2C show the nucleotide sequence (~~SEQ ID NO: 1~~) (SEQ ID NO:1) of the human  $\alpha 7$  cDNA containing the V274T mutation. The threonine mutation is shown in **bold** and the restriction sites EcoRV and KpnI are shown underlined. Also shown is the deduced amino acid sequence (~~SEQ ID NO: 2~~) (SEQ ID NO:2) of the human  $\alpha 7$ V274T subunit variant derived from the cDNA. The V274T alteration is underlined.